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**How Plants Grow**

Nature's cycle of life includes animals, insects, plants, soil and, of course, the sun and rain. They all play a major part in keeping the essential balance of nature. All living things depend in one way or another on the soil. The top soil, which is the first layer on the outside of the Earth, is bursting with life.

Use the sequencing graphic organiser on the next page to record the following six events of the natural life cycle in the correct order:

The animals then manure the soil.

In turn, animals and insects feed on those plants.

Plants need light, water and warmth to grow big and healthy.

The soil feeds the plants through their roots.

The worms and bacteria in the soil break down the manure into humus. This enriches the soil.

Worms and insects take the manure and other decaying matter into the soil.